



Shabbat 15 March 2025 / 15 Adar 5785					Parashat Ki Tisa 5785 / פרשת כי תשא				
Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	SZ Kriat Shema	שבת Shacharit	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
4.50PM	5.45PM	5.49PM	9.00AM	9.08AM	9.15AM	10.45AM	5.52PM	6.52PM	8.20AM

Thursday 13 March / Friday 14 March (Purim)

Location: All Purim activities including Megillah readings will take place in our normal Shul location (upstairs).

The Purim party is kindly co-sponsored by Leila Behrman [to mark the Yahrzeit for her late father Shmuel Ben Yehudah whose 10th Yahrzeit is in a few weeks' time] and co-sponsored by Orna Hillman [l'ilui nishmat her late father Hachazan Avraham Mordechai Ben Yitzchak Tzvi Hacohen].

Security: Anyone attending Shul over Purim may be asked by security to (briefly) remove any costume which covers their face to verify their identity before being allowed access to Shul. Please cooperate with any such request and pass this message on to any family or friends who may be visiting us but who may not see this notice.

Shabbat 15 March

Chabura: Dan Artman | **Leining:** Dan Artman

Magen Minis and Magen Maxis meet from 10.45am with special guest Ruth Ereich with the world-famous Purim Puppet Show! Y@MA takes place at the usual time after Kedusha of Mussaf.

Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Yoni Golker

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by **Deborah and Dan Artman** to mark the recent birth of their daughter Lielle. Mazal Tov!

Post-Mincha Shiur: Rabbi Michael Pollak

Sunday 16 March

Purim Initiative at 9am: See poster on the back of the newsletter.

Our craft group begins a project to decorate the Shul with handmade flowers for Shavuot. Join us at **7.30pm** for a workshop to learn how to crochet a flower. After that, let your creativity run wild! All are welcome, including teens (even if yarn isn't your thing). We're looking for people to create flowers from any material—paper, wire, fabric, etc. Message **Fiona Taylor** on **07868 715 161** to join the group and get more details.

Monday 17 March

The next Book Club meets at **8.00pm** on Monday 17 March and will be hosted by Dr Richard Taylor. Location can be provided if you contact Julian Pollard on 07958 447 174.

28-29 March

Y@MA Shabbaton (at the Brighton & Hove Jewish Community) will depart on Friday 28 March at **1.00pm** and return on Motzei Shabbat 29 March at **~11.00pm**. Book today at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MABrighton25>.

Sunday 30 March

The next Women's Circle event will be focusing on imposter syndrome. Imposter syndrome is the persistent feeling of self-doubt despite clear evidence of competence. Sara Spizzichino will explore the science behind imposter syndrome and include insights based on personal experience. Her talk will be followed by an open discussion. Space is limited so book directly with **Eve Grubin-Brookes** via text or call on **07885 774 787**.

Thursday 8 May to Sunday 11 May

Sunday 11 May

Please note that our Annual general Meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday 11 May at 6.00pm in Shul. Full details will be sent out from our admin Dani shortly.

10 Year Anniversary

Please send in Mazal Tov messages and photos that will be projected onto our June Fun Day "Mazal Tov" wall. Please submit content to Julian Maurer by email: julianmaurer@hotmail.com.

Shul Gemach

Magen Avot operates a Gemach fund for members who have fallen into financial hardship. Help is available in the form of emergency one-off payments or short-term loans. If you are in need, are aware of, or are being approached by other members of the community in need of such a service, please feel free to contact Rabbi Golker: rabbi@magenavot.com or Baruch Zekaria at: treasurer@magenavot.com.

Yahrzeits

16/03/2025	16 Adar 5785	Beverley Barrell	Son
18/03/2025	18 Adar 5785	Emilie Morris	Husband

PURIM GUIDANCE

Machatzit Hashekel: This custom involves giving three half-shekel donations to commemorate the annual Temple tax, as described in Parashat Ki Sissa. Whilst this practice was linked to funding communal offerings in the Beit Hamikdash, it is now observed by giving a symbolic amount of money (3x50p's) to charity. Mincha on Taanit Esther or Purim night after Megillah is the preferred time for Machatzit Hashekel.

Matanot Levyonim: This mitzvah involves giving gifts/donations to at least two needy individuals during the day of Purim to ensure everyone can participate in the festivities of the day. While there is no specific amount mandated, it is customary to give enough to enable the recipients to enjoy a meal (£10 suggested minimum amount). The Rabbi will be happy to distribute these funds to appropriate recipients on Purim day.

Friday Purim: This year, Purim falls on a Friday, which creates a bit of a challenge—balancing the mitzvah of the Purim Seudah with making sure we still have an appetite for the Friday night Shabbat meal. To accommodate this, the Seudah should ideally be held in the morning, beginning before 12.10pm (Halachic noon). If you find yourself running late and have no other option, you should start no later than 3.07pm (the end of the ninth hour of the day).



PURIM INITIATIVE

We are very excited to again launch our Purim initiative for the young, middle and old -- and we need your help! As part of our Purim events this year, we are organising a distribution for the homeless on the Sunday after Purim.

Join us on **SUNDAY 16 MARCH** from **9AM** in Shul (after Shacharit) where we will be packing Magen Avot Synagogue labelled bags with supplies for those sleeping on the street. Anyone who would like to be part of a group of people to distribute the bags should be in touch with **Elkan** on **07985 269 499**. Anyone who can distribute bags but won't be available on Sunday morning to pick them up, please be in touch with Elkan.


HOW YOU CAN HELP:-

Please donate items from the list below and drop them off at **33 ROWSLEY AVENUE** before **FRIDAY 14 MARCH**.

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Sanitary towels
- Hand gel antibacterial
- Wipes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Socks
- Lip balm
- Plasters
- Hand warmers
- Crackers
- Granola bars
- Protein bars
- Biscuits
- Gloves
- Hats
- Bags for packing



Directions to participate in the distribution will be shared on **SUNDAY 16 MARCH**. Please join us in our effort to help those in need and to be Mekadesh Shym Shomayim (make a real Kiddush Hashem!)

 Magen Avot

PURIM NIGHT

Thursday 13 March 2025

- Fast from 4.41am until 6.42pm
- Maariv @ 6.42pm
- Megillah @ 7.00pm (prompt)
- Purim Party @ 7.45pm
 - Food and Music
 - BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle)
 - Magen Market
 - Costume Competition
 - Horim V'Yeladim Certificates

PURIM DAY

Friday 14 March 2025

- Shacharit @ 7.30am
- Megillah @ 8.10am
- TGI Friday @ 5.45pm

